

Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise (DVBE) Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes, Thursday, September 16, 2004
Medal of Honor Hall
California Department of Veterans Affairs
1227 O Street
Sacramento, California 95814

PARTICIPANTS

DVBE ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Larry Brooks, Gene Farnsworth, Don Gonneville, Ken Jackson, Michael Johnson, Floyd Knox, Rondia Moss, Bob Mulz, Kevin O' Connor, Mike O' Connor, John Rak, Francis Trottier, Tim Voors, Bob Yaap, A.J. Wilson

CDVA

Jack Kirwan, Statewide DVBE Advocate, Veterans Services Division
Ralph Cansimbe, HQ Operations Manager, Veterans Services Division
Stewart Mackenzie, DVBE Outreach Coordinator, Veterans Services Division

DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES (DGS)

Mariel Dennis, Chief, Office of Small Business and DVBE Certification
Russ Guarna, Project Director, Procurement Division
Gloria Anderson, Patti Connors, Lori Okamoto

DVBE ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT

Allen Amaro, Allison Boyle, Jerry Caton, Jim Stanfield, Larry Turner

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS 10:05 AM

Pledge of Allegiance

Council members and guests introduced themselves.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES 10:10 AM

No quorum, item tabled until quorum present..

No comments regarding previous minutes.

BUSINESS ITEMS 10:12 AM

Open Meeting Act –

Council to comply with Bagley Keene Open Meeting Act.

Meeting notices to be posted in the building and on the website 10 days in advance.

Only items listed on the agenda in the business items can be acted upon.

If action is required on discussion items, they can be added to the next meeting's agenda for action.

Don and Jack to establish subcommittee to review bylaws.

DGS: NEW LEGISLATION, SB REGULATIONS & CPR IMPACT ON SB/DVBE'S 10:20 AM

Presenter: Mariel Dennis

Presentation handout distributed.

AB323 effective January 1, 2005.

Creates Nonprofit Veteran Service Agency (NVSA)

Any comments can be directed to DGS regarding implementation/program

Intro/comment

A brief break in this item occurred for introduction and comments by Tom Johnson, CVDVA Secretary. He clarified that Governor Schwarzenegger is reviewing the CPR report and has yet to take action on any of the recommendations.

AB79 eliminating reports.

On hold till January 2008, reporting to continue.

New small business regulations effective Sept. 9, 2004.

Completely rewritten and replaces old regulations.

Affiliate Information form distributed.

Note: Regulations do not amend the law.

Due to time constraints on the next presenter, Mariel will continue her presentation after the CSSI presentation.

CALIFORNIA STRATEGIC SOURCING INITIATIVE (CSSI) 11:20 AM

Presenter: Russ Guarna

Copy of Status of CA Strategic Sourcing Initiative (CSSI) distributed.

Additional information available at www.pd.dgs.ca.gov/stratsourcing

or call 1-866-885-8344

List of Strategic Sourcing categories available in one week.

(2 minute break)

DGS: NEW LEGISLATION, SB REGULATIONS & CPR IMPACT ON SB/DVBE'S (CONT'D) 11:55AM

Presenter: Mariel Dennis

Mariel selected 5 California Performance Review (CPR) recommendations that directly impact SB/DVBEs to review.

GG 20- Reduce the administrative burden on SB in California by allowing Self-Certification.

GG 21- Reduce paperwork by recognizing small business program certification performed by other governmental entities.

SO 65- Remove bidding preferences from state contracting programs

SO 66- Eliminate duplicative reports

SO 68- Establish SB and DVBE set-asides. (separate handout)

Jack Kirwan invited all attendees to attend CDVA town hall meeting to provide comments regarding CPR recommendations.

Language could not be agreed upon to make a motion. Discussion to continue after lunch.

A 20-minute break to grab lunch, council will continue as a working meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR JULY 15, 2004 MEETING 1:30PM

Move by Floyd Knox to approve minutes, Second by Tim Voors
Motion passed – one vote in opposition.

DGS: NEW LEGISLATION, SB REGULATIONS & CPR IMPACT ON SB/DVBE'S (CONT'D) 1:35 PM

Gary (missing last name) and Larry Brooks to prepare a recommendation from the alliance and one from the council.

Don moved the DVBE Council ask the CPR Commission not to act on SO68 until they have received a report and recommendations from the DVBE Council on or before October 15, 2004.

Second- unknown

Motion passed – unanimously

Mariel discussed having SCPR (DGS database) modified to capture small business and DVBE information.

DVBE "GFE COMPLIANCE SERVICE" MEMO

Presenter: Gloria Anderson, DGS Staff

Discussed Declaration Form and the requirement under MVC 999.2, Disabled Veterans declare that they are brokering or not brokering their items. Memo has not been finalized yet, expected to come out in a couple of weeks following the Commercially Useful Function Memo.

Discussion on Good Faith Effort. While a company may be offering a service to complete Good Faith Effort on behalf of bidding companies, it is not illegal. It may be unethical but it is legal.

Intro/comment

A brief break in this item occurred for introduction and comments by Roger Brautigan, CDVA Undersecretary. He encouraged council, CDVA and DGS to continue to move forward. He reminded the veteran community and council to exercise their voice. At the Undersecretary's meetings he will continue to support and bring up the DVBE program. He also briefly discussed a new, internal database being developed by CDVA to promote use of DVBE and SB by our procurement staff.

CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS, DVBE PARTICIPATION & UPCOMING BIDS 2:20 PM

Presenter: Robert Johnson, Capital Development and Construction Division Director

Press release expected very soon from USDVA granting CDVA funding for Redding cemetery construction.

4.68% DVBE participation on the project to date.

Two new projects likely to go to bid within next year:

HVAC (headquarters building)
Chiller replacement in Yountville.
New homes in Los Angeles in 2007. (pending finalized funding)
AB1077 – Additional 100 million dollars available for state funding for Lancaster, Ventura, West Los Angeles, Fresno and Redding.
DVBE's requesting to be included in the working drawing stage of the projects.
DVBE working on cemetery project to be released upon USDVA's final project approval. (Dale Construction is the prime contractor. Ark Design Construction & Roofing located in Palo Cedro is the listed DVBE sub-contractor at \$313,460 (4.68%) participation.)

GLAVC (Greater Los Angeles and Ventura Counties)

COUNCIL FORUM: MEMBER ISSUES AND REPORTS

Larry Brooks

Governor's Office Contact Information to request governor sign AB1592
Jennifer Fitzgerald 916.445.4314

Clarification that letter to CPRC will come from the council not from CDVA.
CDVA to receive a copy.

Please see Don Gonneville about his trip to Washington with SBA and discussion on Protégé Act.

Next meeting November 18, 2004

ADJOURNMENT 3:00PM

Motion to adjourn – Don Gonneville
Second – Bob Yaap

Motion passed – unanimously.